

# Spring Mill State Park

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

Programs at all our state parks and reservoirs: [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm)

**Nature Center**  
*Open Daily 10am-5pm*

**Pioneer Village**  
*Sat 11a-7p, Sun 11a-5p,  
Mon-Thu 9a-5p, Fri 9a-7p*

**Virgil I. Grissom Memorial**  
*Open Daily 8:30am-4pm*

**Twin Caves Boat Tours**  
*Aug 1-17, 23-24, 30-31; 9am-5pm  
\$3/adult, \$1/child (ages 3-11)*

**Mountain Bike Rental**  
*Open Daily; Hours Vary  
Check out bikes at Campstore  
\$5/hour or \$20/day*

**Campground Hayrides**  
*Wednesday, Friday, Saturday  
7pm, 8pm, 9pm; \$3/person  
Register at Campstore*

**Please arrive on time for scheduled programs.**  
*Spring Mill State Park follows Eastern Daylight Time.*

**Public programs are designed for individuals and families.**  
If you will be bringing an organized group, contact the Nature Center in advance for a copy of our program catalogue and schedule a private program just for your group. (812) 849-4129

**Get advance notice of special events and programs!**  
Sign up for our email list at the Nature Center, Pioneer Village Grist Mill, Spring Mill Inn, or email [springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)


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Get “INShape” with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park healthy.



LOOK FOR OUR TREE-SHEDS  
WATCH FOR THE PIONEER-NATURALIST

## August 2008

### Friday, August 1

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**12p-1:30p Bubbles!** – Learn how bubbles work while making lots of your own! Watch for the naturalist in the Butternut Grove picnic area.
- 2:30pm**

**Build a Pioneer Coat Rack** – Participants will do the assembly and finishing work to make their own pioneer-style coat rack. *Limited to 5 participants (ages 8 and up only, please!); cost is \$5/project. Sign up at the Gristmill, and see an example coat rack, beginning at 11am.* Workshop takes place in the Woodshop (inside the Distillery building) (30-45 min).
- 3:30pm**

**Build a Pioneer Coat Rack** – *Second session; see above description.*
- 4:00pm**

**Bats: Myth vs. Reality** – Learn about the world’s only flying mammal and make a bat craft to take home. Nature Center Amphitheater (45 min).



## Saturday, August 2 Pioneer Heritage Days

### Cornmeal Cook-Off Contest!!

Prepare your favorite recipe that uses cornmeal and submit it for judging; each dish must be accompanied by a copy of the recipe used. Each person may enter up to three separate dishes. *All entries must be brought to Gristmill between 1pm and 2pm today for judging.*

**Prizes awarded to the top entries!!**

- 11:15am Pioneer Playthings** – Explore different types of toys played with in pioneer times and make your own whiz-gig toy to take home. Pioneer Village, Meeting House (30 min).
- 11:30am Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).
- 11:50am Gristmill Auger Demonstration** – When our gristmill was operating during the 1800s, the corn took a very different path to the grinding stone than it does today. We'll demonstrate the machinery that helped keep the corn hopper stocked. Pioneer Village, Gristmill (10 min).
- 12:30pm Leatherworking Possibilities** - Learn how to make a miniature accessory bag that pioneers would have used for carrying everything “possible” in the 1800s. Pioneer Village, Leather Shop (30 min).
- 1:15pm Hog-Calling Contest** – Soo-ooo-oo-iii-ii-ee! Put your vocal cords to challenge and find out if you're a champion at calling home the hogs (and find out the relationship between hogs and Spring Mill Village!). Pioneer Village, Upper Residence Lawn (30 min).



## Saturday, August 2 Continued...

- 2p-3:30p Cornmeal Cook-off Contest Judging** – Watch as our judges evaluate the entries! Pioneer Village, Gristmill.
- 2:30pm Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).
- 3:30pm Hinges: Wood & Metal** – Explore the production and evolution of hinges, as they changed in their composition and production method. Pioneer Village, Blacksmith Shop (30 min).



## Sunday, August 3 Pioneer Heritage Days

**11:00am** **Yarn Dolls** – Make your own doll using rug yarn – just like children played with 150 years ago. Pioneer Village, Sheeks/Weaver's Cabin Summer Kitchen (1 hr).



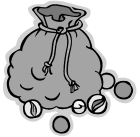
**11:30am** **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

**11:50am** **Gristmill Auger Demonstration** – When our gristmill was operating during the 1800s, the corn took a very different path to the grinding stone than it does today. We'll demonstrate the machinery that helped keep the corn hopper stocked. Pioneer Village, Gristmill (10 min).

**12p-2p** **Sciurus carolinensis** – Our view of what's edible has changed over time. Watch for the roving naturalist and meet an animal that used to be a popular food source for the pioneers, but, in today's world, is generally left alone. Pioneer Village.



**1:00pm** **Make-Your-Own Marbles** – Marbles were a popular toy among children of the 1860s and, after making your own set, you'll learn how to play. *Cost is \$3/person; limited to 10 people. Pre-register at the Gristmill, beginning at 11am, until all the slots are full.* Pioneer Village, Pottery Shop (45 min).



**1:30pm** **Spring Mill Village: Origins** – Why did pioneers settle at Spring Mill? How many people lived in the village at its peak? How did ownership of Spring Mill change hands over time? Pioneer Village, Gristmill (30 min).

**2:00pm** **Make-Your-Own Marbles** – See program description above.

**2:30pm** **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

**3:30pm** **The Lost Mill** – You've seen the Gristmill in the Pioneer Village, but that wasn't the mill built here in the 1800s. We'll check out the remains of Lynn's Mill near Donaldson Cave and discuss its history. Meet next to the bulletin board at Donaldson parking lot (45 min).



## Monday, August 4

**2:00pm** **Hammer Time** – Learn about the different types of blacksmith hammers and how they're used. Pioneer Village, Blacksmith Shop (30 min).

**4:00pm** **Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore!** – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! *Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!* Nature Center Amphitheater.



## Tuesday, August 5

**10:00am** **Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore!** – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! *Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!* Nature Center Amphitheater.

**3:30pm** **Cool Clear Water** – Take a short hike to the entrance of Whistling Cave, the fifth longest cave in the state, and learn why some cave streams run clear while others are full of sediment. Meet in front of the Blacksmith's Shop in the Pioneer Village (30 min).



## Wednesday, August 6

**10:00am Woven by Hand (literally)** – Learn the technique of finger-weaving as you make a bracelet. Concession Stand (45 min).

**1:00pm Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore!** – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! *Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!* Nature Center Amphitheater.

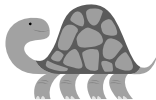
**3:00pm Owls in Indiana** – Learn about the different types of owls found in southern Indiana and how these nocturnal hunters live. Kids will receive an owl coloring book to take with them! Nature Center Amphitheater (30 min).



## Thursday, August 7

**10:00am Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore!** – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! *Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!* Nature Center Amphitheater.

**4:30pm Turtle Time** – Have you seen a turtle at Spring Mill? We'll discuss the different kinds of turtles that live here and where you're most likely to see them. Kids will also get a turtle activity sheet to enjoy later. Nature Center Amphitheater (45 min).



**8:00pm Stinky Skunks** – Have you seen these striped waddlers hanging around in the evening? Come learn about these often feared, yet actually very docile, creatures and then go on a walk to look for one. Meet at the Concession Stand by the Pioneer Village (45 min).



## Friday, August 8

**11:00am The Lost Cemetery** – You've probably been to Hamer Cemetery, but have you ever heard of Dalton's Cemetery? Check out the site of this, largely unknown, cemetery next to the village. Meet next to the Leather Shop in the Pioneer Village (30 min).



**1p-3pm Sunny Day** – Drop by to make a handprint sun craft and learn a little about the Sun, our closest star. Great for young children! Butternut Grove Picnic Area.

## Saturday, August 9 Look to the Stars!

**11:00am Sky Map** – Make your own guide to the night stars! Nature Center Amphitheater (30 min).

**11:30am Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

**1:00pm The Closest Star** – Use a pinhole viewer to safely look at the sun and then make your own sun-themed craft. Nature Center, Back Patio (45 min).

**2:30pm Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

**3:30pm The Sky is Falling!** – One of the things you may see at the star party tonight is a “shooting star” – part of the Perseid meteor shower! Learn what a meteor shower is and when to watch for them. Nature Center Amphitheater (30 min).

**9:00pm StoneBelt Stargazers' Summer Star Party** – Get a whole new perspective on the night sky when you view it through a telescope! The Stargazers will bring their telescopes to share - and point out some of the wonders of the night. The evening will open with an astronomy presentation as we wait for the sky to get dark enough for viewing. *We highly suggest bringing lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on (and your own binoculars or telescope, if you have one).* Swimming Pool parking lot (2 hr).

## Sunday, August 10

**11:00am Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore!** – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! *Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!* Nature Center Amphitheater.

**11:30am Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

**12:00pm The Wondrous Worm** – The world as we know it would be a bit different without this squiggly underground dweller. Join us to learn about the life of a worm. Nature Center Amphitheater (30 min).



**1:30pm Behind the Grind** – Join us for an in-depth exploration of the mill gears, stones, and wheel. Pioneer Village, Gristmill (30 min).

**2:30pm Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

**3p-4p Creek Cool Down** – Drop by to get your feet wet and search the creek for underwater critters. Look for the naturalist by the Concession Stand.



## Monday, August 11

**11:00am Weaving in 1863** – The village weaver will demonstrate operation of our 1800s loom and discuss common projects made on the loom during pioneer times. Pioneer Village, Sheeks/Weaver's Cabin (20 min).



## Tuesday, August 12

**1:30pm Tic-Tac-Toe** – Learn the history of this classic game and make your tic-tac-toe set. Pioneer Village, Meeting House (45 min).

**4:00pm Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore!** – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! *Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!* Nature Center Amphitheater.

**8:00pm Stories by the campfire** – Bring your children for some bedtime stories around the campfire. Campground Amphitheater, next to site #108 (1 hr).

## Wednesday, August 13

**11:30am Back to School, Back to Nature** – Explore some great nature-based children's books and make some cute nature bookmarks for school. Nature Center Amphitheater (45 min).

**3:00pm Animal Acting** – Join us for a game of charades as we explore behaviors associated with animals at Spring Mill (prizes for the best “animal” actors!). Nature Center Amphitheater (45 min).

## Thursday, August 14

**12:30pm Herptile Hoppers** – What's the difference between a frog and a toad? Find out as you meet one of each up close. Nature Center Amphitheater (45 min).

**2p-4p Spring Mill Lake: Past, Present, Future** – Watch for the roving naturalist on Trail 5 and learn about the history of the lake and its possible future.



**4:00pm Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore!** – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! *Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!* Nature Center Amphitheater.

## Friday, August 15

- 11:30am** **Dye Discussion** – Learn about the different things that pioneers used to get the color of dye that they wanted for fabric. Pioneer Village, Weaver’s/Sheeks Cabin (30 min).
- 1:00pm** **Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore!** – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! *Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!* Nature Center Amphitheater.
- 3:00pm** **Back to School** – Make a silly pencil topper to take back to school with you and learn what classes were like for children in the 1860s. Concession Stand (45 min).
- 8:30pm** **Night on the Lake** – Explore night life around the lake – and how well your senses help you experience it – on this extended hike. *Bring flashlights and wear good shoes. Not recommended for young children or those with mobility concerns.* Meet in front of the Nature Center (2 hr).



## Saturday, August 16

- 10:30am** **Power to the Mills** – Discover why Spring Mill was indeed a hub for mills of all types in the 1800s and learn how the different types of mill water wheels worked. Meet next to the Sawmill in the Pioneer Village (45 min).
- 11:30am** **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).
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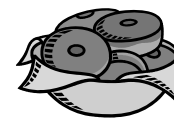


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- 4:00pm** **Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore!** – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! *Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!* Nature Center Amphitheater.
- 5:30pm** **Chicken Scratch** – Try your hand at “chicken scratch,” a needlework technique. Pioneer Village, Sheeks/Weaver’s Cabin (1 hr).
- 9:00pm** **Bracelets and Bookmarks** - The village leatherworker will teach you how to braid a take-home keepsake item out of a natural material called jute. Campground Amphitheater, next to site #108 (30 min).

## Sunday, August 17

- 11:00am** **Sweet Dreams** – Learn about the different uses of lavender while using the herb to make a miniature pillow. Pioneer Village, Upper Residence (1 hr).
- 11:30am** **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).
- 12:00pm** **Hoosier Quest: Discover, Connect, Explore!** – Come and discover about an exciting new program for individuals and families visiting Indiana state parks and reservoirs – Hoosier Quest. Learn how you can earn patches, bandannas, and medallions... and collect 33 unique pins – one for each park and reservoir! *Already started the Quest? This is your opportunity to complete one or more of the requirements!* Nature Center Amphitheater.
- 2:30pm** **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).
- 3:30pm** **Puff Ball Doughnuts** – Assist one of the village ladies in making an afternoon snack of puff ball doughnuts, a traditional pioneer recipe. *Limited to 10 participants; first-come, first served.* Pioneer Village, Lower Residence Kitchen (1 hr).



## Friday, August 22

- 8:45pm** **Sensory Hike** – Do you use your senses the same after night falls? Can you find your way around in the dark as well as other animals can? Find out how well your five senses function during this night hike. Meet at Twin Caves parking lot (1 hr).



## Saturday, August 23      Gone Caving!

- 11a-4p** **Cave Movie Marathon** – Drop by the Nature Center to cool off and watch a movie about other “cool” places... caves! Movie schedule posted in Nature Center.
- 11a-1p** **Be a (Cave) Artist!** – Drop by to create your own piece of artwork featuring caves, cavers, or cave critters. Pictures will be displayed in the Butternut Grove Shelter “Art Gallery,” where visitors can vote on their favorites, from 1pm to 5pm. *The winning entries will be announced immediately before this evening’s concert at the Campground Amphitheater. All artwork may be picked up at the Nature Center on Sunday.* Butternut Grove Shelter.
- 12:00pm** **Stories of the Cave** – Hike to the entrance of Hamer Cave and learn about the pioneer history and stories associated it. Meet in front of the Leather Shop in the Pioneer Village (30 min).



- 1p-5p** **Cave Art Gallery** – Drop by to check out the cave artwork created earlier today by park visitors and vote on your favorites for our “Visitors Choice” awards! *The winning entries will be announced immediately before this evening’s concert at the Campground Amphitheater.* Butternut Grove Shelter.

- 2p-5p** **Project Underground** – Drop by to enjoy a variety of cave-based activities! Butternut Grove Shelter.


## Saturday, August 23    *Continued...*

- 2:00pm** **Wild Caving** – Want the true underground experience? Join us for an afternoon trip to explore a wild cave! The cave will be suitable for beginning cavers. ***Helmets and lights will be provided; participants should wear good hiking shoes and dress in warm clothing (gloves are also recommended).*** All participants must be at least 11 years old; minors must be accompanied by a registered adult.



***Cost is \$10/person; limited to 15 participants. Pre-register with the Park Office from Aug 16 to Aug 22 (812-849-4129). Day-of registration (if there are still open spots) will be available from 9am to 12pm at the Twin Caves shack.***


Meet at Twin Caves parking lot (*carpooling will be required to reach the cave’s off-property location*) (3 hr).

- 3p-5p**  **Cave Craft** – Drop by to cool off from the summer heat, learn about the importance of limestone in Indiana, and make your own limestone necklace. Visit the roving naturalist at Donaldson Cave.

- 8:30pm** **Caving Concert** – Enjoy a selection of entertaining songs about caves, caving, and cave critters from singer-songwriter Paul Ash! Bench seating is limited; we recommend bringing your own chairs/blanket. Campground Amphitheater, next to site #108 (1 hr).

**EARTH LAUGHS IN FLOWERS.**  
**~RALPH WALDO EMERSON**

## Sunday, August 24                      Gone Caving!

- 11a-4p**     **Cave Movie Marathon** – Drop by the Nature Center to cool off and watch a movie about other “cool” places... caves! Movie schedule posted in Nature Center.
- 12:00pm**   **Cave Formation 101** – Explore Donaldson Cave with us and learn about how these underground caverns are formed. *Bring a flashlight and wear good shoes.* Meet at Donaldson parking lot next to the bulletin board (1 hr). **HP-HP**
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- 1p-3p**     **Cave Rescue Demonstration** – If you got stuck deep inside a cave, how would rescuers get you out? Drop by to see a demonstration of cave rescue techniques in the Butternut Grove Picnic Area.
- 1p-3p**     **Cave Creation** – Stop by and use clay to sculpt your own unique cave formation while learning about how such “decorations” form in real caves. *Cost is \$1/person.* Butternut Grove Picnic Area.
- 2:30p-4p**   **Creatures of the Cave** – Drop by to make your own field guide to animals that live in the caves at Spring Mill State Park. Nature Center. **HP-HP**

Flowers have an expression of countenance  
as much as men or animals. Some seem to smile;  
some have a sad expression; some are pensive and diffident;  
others again are plain, honest and upright, like the  
broad-faced sunflower and the hollyhock.

~Henry Ward Beecher



## Saturday, August 30    Archaeology Weekend

- 11a-5p**     **Rediscovering Spring Mill Village** – You can assist with real archaeological research! Join archaeologists from Indiana University and the University of Iowa in an ongoing project to find out more about daily life in Spring Mill Village during the 1800s and the original locations of buildings and other structures. The public is invited to assist this weekend with shovel probes, soil sampling, and screening throughout the village area. *Sign-up to participate in the excavation work at the Archaeology Table on the east side of the Gristmill.*
- 11a-12:30p** **What’s That For?** – Drop by to examine some historical artifacts and see if you can identify the mystery objects. Pioneer Village, Leather Shop.
- 11:30am**   **Tansy Bag** – Construct a “tansy bag” while learning how the pioneers used plants to repel insects. Pioneer Village, Garden Cabin (1 hr).
- 11:30am**   **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).
- 12:30pm**   **Mysteries from the Wheel** – Potters made common, and not-so-common, items in rare forms that we may not see anymore. Can you guess how our mystery items were used? Pioneer Village, Pottery Shop (30 min).
- 1p-2p**     **The “Dating” Game** – Can you match the artifact to the proper time period? Stop by to test your “dating” skills! Pioneer Village, Archaeology Table (on the east side of the Gristmill).
- 2:30pm**     **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

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## Saturday, August 30 *Continued...*

- 3p-4p** **GPR in SMV** – Ground penetrating radar (GPR) is one technique that archaeologists use to search for remnants of the past. Drop by to see the GPR equipment in action in Spring Mill Village (SMV). Pioneer Village, lawn between the Gristmill and Distillery.
- 4:30pm**  **The Turley House** – Learn about the Turley family and their contribution to Spring Mill Village during the late 1800s as you explore the site where their house once stood. Meet in front of the Campstore (20 min).
- 5:30pm** **Rag Dolls** – Pioneer children used leftover materials of all types to construct their toys. Using cloth scraps, you'll make your own rag doll. Pioneer Village, Sheeks/Weaver's Cabin Summer Kitchen (30 min).
- 8:45pm**  **Goin' Batty and Sniffin' Spiders** – Join us for an evening stroll to search for wildlife... with a focus on bats and spiders. Bring a flashlight! Meet at Donaldson parking lot next to the restroom (1 hr).



## Sunday, August 31 *Archaeology Weekend*

- 11a-5p** **Rediscovering Spring Mill Village** – You can assist with real archaeological research! Join archaeologists from Indiana University and the University of Iowa in an ongoing project to find out more about daily life in Spring Mill Village during the 1800s and the original locations of buildings and other structures. The public is invited to assist this weekend with shovel probes, soil sampling, and screening throughout the village area. *Sign-up to participate in the excavation work at the table on the east side of the Gristmill.*
- 11:30am** **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).

## Sunday, August 31 *Continued...*

- 12:00pm**  **Remnants of the Past** – Join us on a hike to see the ruins of three historic sites and learn about their history: George Donaldson's Shawnee Cabin, Dr. Carl Eigenmann's blind fish study pools, and James Lynn's carding mill. Meet at Donaldson parking lot, next to the bulletin board (1 hr).
- 12p-2p** **Brain-tanning Demonstration** – When the pioneers and Native Americans tanned their leather, the process was a bit different than it is today... watch as real brains are used to prepare leather. Pioneer Village, Leather Shop Lawn.
- 2:00pm** **Fabulous Fan** – Cool off in the heat by making your own folded paper fan, similar to those carried by women in the 1800s. Pioneer Village, Meeting House (45 min).
- 2p-4:30p**  **Fried Green Tomatoes** – Drop by to assist one of the village ladies in preparing some fried green tomatoes using cornmeal from the Gristmill. Pioneer Village, Lower Residence Kitchen.
- 2:30pm** **Sawmill Demonstration** - See how lumber was cut in the 1800s using the power of water. Pioneer Village, Grist Mill (15 min).
- 3:30p-5p** **Flint-knapping Demonstration** – Watch as arrowheads and other stone tools are created from pieces of rock. Concession Stand.
- 4:00pm**  **Lime on the Lake** – Check out two, relatively intact, lime kilns and a limestone quarry that date back to the 1800s. Meet on the back patio of the Nature Center (45 min).
- 8:45pm** **Evening Movie: *Traces Left Behind*** – *Traces Left Behind* is a new documentary that explores how archaeologists use field sites to learn about the past. The movie includes scenes filmed right here at Spring Mill State Park! *Bench seating is limited; you may wish to bring your own blanket or chairs.* Campground Amphitheater, next to site #108.

## Monday, September 1      Archaeology Weekend

- 11a-5p      Rediscovering Spring Mill Village** – Archaeologists from Indiana University and the University of Iowa are conducting an ongoing project to find out more about daily life in Spring Mill Village during the 1800s and the original locations of buildings and other structures. Watch for them working today in the Pioneer Village.
- 11:00am      The Men Who Built the Park** – Join us on a hike to view what remains from one of the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) camps that was stationed at Spring Mill around 1930. Meet at the Oak Ridge Shelter parking lot (30-45 min).  

- 12p-1p      Sensing the Past** – Drop by to see how archaeologists use a magnetometer, a device that senses and measures magnetic fields, to search for signs from the past. Pioneer Village, lawn in front of the Carriage House.
- 1:30pm      Donaldson Cave: “The Rest of the Story”** – Donaldson Cave has more than just a geological story to tell us. On this guided tour through the cave, you’ll learn about its human history – from native Americans to gunpowder. *Bring a flashlight and wear good shoes.* Meet at Donaldson parking lot, next to the bulletin board (1 hr).  

- 2:30pm      Hoe Down** – Learn about tools used by archaeologists in the 1800s and then watch as the blacksmith demonstrates how one tool, a small hoe, was made. Pioneer Village, Blacksmith Shop (45 min).
- 3:30pm      It’s a Mystery** – Can you follow the clues and solve the mystery? Test your skills as an archaeologist as we work together to find out what stories a site can tell us. Pioneer Village, Archaeology Table (located on the east side of the Gristmill) (30 min).

## OCTOBER SPECIAL EVENTS

**4TH - 5TH: AUTUMN HARVEST DAYS**  
**FEAT. CAMPSITE DECORATING CONTEST**

**11TH - 12TH: SCARECROW WEEKEND**  
**FEAT. THE HAUNTED VILLAGE**

**18TH - 19TH: FALL FAMILY WEEKEND**  
**FEAT. STONEBELT STARGAZERS’ FALL STAR PARTY**

## NOVEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

**1ST - 2ND: BECOMING A PIONEER WOMAN**  
**PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED; CALL FOR PRICING**

**8TH: AUTUMN CRAFTS DAY, \$10/PERSON**

**8TH: SPRING MILL INN CRAFT SHOW**

**22ND - 23RD: PIONEER CRAFT SAMPLER**  
**\$1-\$5 PER PROJECT**

**28TH - 29TH: HOLIDAY CRAFT DAYS,**  
**\$10/PERSON/DAY**